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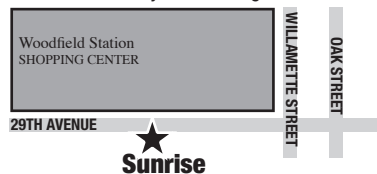
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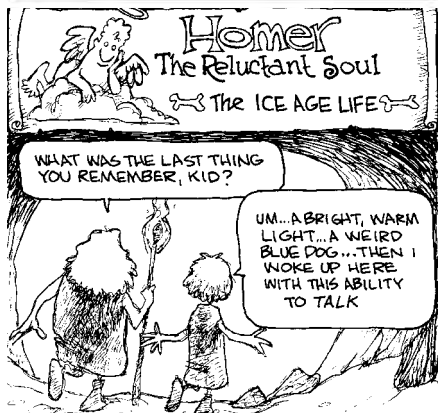
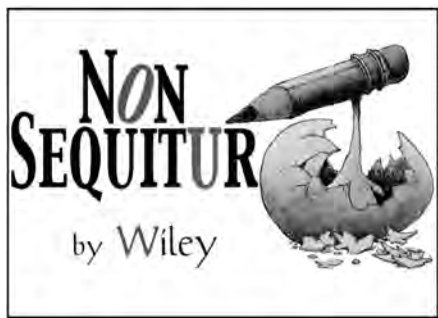
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WE HAVE A LONG ROAD AHEAD

Many thanks to the writers of the extremely informative "Why They Had to Go: Statement on The Fall of The Pioneer Statues" (EW, 6/25). I moved to the Eugene area in 2013 from out of state, and like most Americans had been taught the white-washed (pun intended) version of hard-working pioneers settling the Western territories.

I did not know the 1919 dedication ceremony for The Pioneer had extolled the "conquest of the 'Anglo-Saxon race' over savage Indians" in the context of the eugenics movement. Only after moving here did I learn of Oregon's laws designed to keep Black and Brown people out and not mixing with Whites.

The continuing resistance to taking the statues off their pedestals and plainly explaining their racist significance speaks volumes. As Black Lives Matter activists keep reminding us, we have a long way to go in dismantling this country's institutionalized racism. It's time to buck up for the long haul.

Leigh Rieder
Creswell

WEAR YOUR MASK!

Covering your nose and mouth keeps you from spreading virus during the hours before you feel sick or if you are mildly infected. This is not just about you, it's about caring for other people. Care for your family, care for your neighbor, care for the community member who does not need your germs.

I am a retired physician and public health specialist, and I am terrified. It scares the willies out of me to see so many folks in public without face coverings. COVID-19 is a very bad disease. Dying of respiratory failure is a particularly horrible way to suffer.

This pandemic is going to get far worse here before it gets better. Decisions to "open" our community have been made more because of public pressure than epidemiological facts. The risks of catching the virus now are as bad or worse than during our earlier quarantine.

CDC and other guidelines about face coverings have wavered and been confusing, but the facts are now clear: Wearing a mask shows that you do care about other people and are willing to do your share in keeping our entire community healthy.

We are all in this together.

Please wear that mask. Do your part, too, to keep us all alive.

S. Hendrickson, M.D.
Eugene

EUGENE ZONING IS RACIST

A great example of institutional racism is exclusionary zoning, something very relevant to Eugene. Pretty much all of Eugene is zoned as low density housing, a tactic historically used to keep

poor Black people out of certain neighborhoods. America is more segregated now than it has ever been. This division of cities between poor communities and affluent ones also plays a part in why Black people have been disproportionately affected by coronavirus, food deserts and a lack of basic medical services are hell on the immune system. And that's not even mentioning the quality of schools or democratic representation or fucking clean drinking water.

If you look up Eugene's zoning map, all the high density housing is out Highway 99 or River Road, literally outside of Eugene's urban growth boundary. Maybe the city of Eugene should reconsider this racist policy?

Ian Blumberg
Eugene

MASK UP, OR ELSE

OK, people, recently I took a hike up Spencer Butte. I was amazed that only about one in eight people were wearing masks. I know it's outside, but we used to do much better than that. If we want to beat this COVID thing and get our kids back to school this fall, we really need everyone wearing them.

So this summer you have two choices: Wear your mask, or study up on how to figure out the area of a trapezoid. I think that the mask would be the better choice.

Chuck Roehrich
Eugene

EQUAL PAY FOR ALL

The slavery which started in 1619 and which theoretically ended in 1863 has since been replaced by wage discrimination. People of color and women have been paid less despite the Civil Rights and the Equal Pay acts. Add to this 100 years of monetary policy (wage restraint) trying to curb inflation and you have half the population not making enough to live and raise a family, not to mention afford housing and healthcare. Poverty which has led to a culture of us and them, with the police in the middle, some of whom clearly relish confrontation.

You could argue that Universal Basic Income is the answer. I'm not sure, but a few who are getting the \$600 per week bonus stipend from the feds are the ones to ask.

Whatever the answer, the question still remains. How do you end poverty and narrow the wage gap? Figure that out and finally, all lives, Black, white, female, Hispanic, Asian, will matter.

Peter Tildesley
Brownsville

THIS ALL HAS A HISTORY

A refresher in African American history is in order.

Kidnapped Africans were first brought as slaves to the future USA in

1565, at St. Augustine, now in Florida. Three centuries later, Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves solely in the treasonous Confederacy; slavery in the USA was only constitutionally outlawed by the 13th Amendment, the first of the three Reconstruction Amendments.

Then the 14th Amendment gave the newly freed slaves citizenship; it also penalized any state that barred their voting by reducing its Congressional representation, a never-enforced provision. The 15th Amendment gave the former slaves the right to vote.

To gain the Presidency in 1876, Republicans agreed to end Reconstruction. Economic, political, social and educational progress by southern African Americans ended in a wave of terror. The former slaves were returned to the near-slavery of peonage and sharecropping.

The white South enforced this state of affairs with lynchings and even massacres; for instance in Wilmington, North Carolina in 1898; in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1921. Police bigotry brings racial violence even to the present day.

Throughout, Black people have suffered from affirmative action for white people: limited access to education, jobs, housing, health care, even grocery stores; and to home ownership loans, the white American middle-class source of wealth accumulation.

Larry Koenigsberg
Eugene

TREAT CAUSES OF RACISM

Police brutality is at one end of the school-to-prison pipeline. Schools are at the beginning of it. If we are serious about doubling down against institutional racism, we need to look at all the ways our educational institutions are built upon colonization and white supremacy.

This goes deeper than checking in on how everyone is feeling. We as a district have established that racial disparity exists in our public school system by examining data: graduation rates, rates of participation in advanced classes, rates of suspension and other disciplinary acts, and grading. We have displayed this data to our staff alongside basic professional development around implicit bias. We have also worked harder to hire more teachers and staff of color. All of this is good and important work, but these are examples of ways to address the effects of institutional racism. They do nothing to change the institution.

One tangible way that I feel Eugene School District 4J has recently doubled down on the side of oppression is by heightening a militaristic and centralized system of surveillance and enforcement. Security cameras with the ability to trace a person's movements throughout the school and that are monitored in a central district office do not make students who are at risk safer. We know that, without making a personal connection, with-

The Old Normal

CHANGING THE UNDERLYING RACISM

“Safe” at home, I’ve been watching a pandemic, wrapped in a depression, with tales told by an idiot genius, hoping things will return to a new normal.

Except the old normal wasn’t or isn’t so great for a lot of people. To be sure, this isn’t the first pandemic to strike this continent. The common cold, flu, syphilis, gonorrhea, smallpox, devastated Indigenous populations.

Healthy doses of the memes justifying colonialism, and white supremacist Manifest Destiny, accompanied the germs, and helped establishing endemic underlying conditions of a new normal. Intersectional discrimination became the new normal. Primary symptom of this infection is an inability to remember what came before, especially that which you are doomed to repeat.

Recalling the ’92 Rebellion in Los Angeles (riots are spontaneous, rebellions are planned), two-thirds of the arrestees were not Black. Meaning, more people are suffering American inequities than Black people, though we are a sort of very visible indicator species. What was once done to us because of race is now being done to others for the money. Dogs and firehoses in the ’50s turn to peppergas, bean bag rounds and drone surveillance in the 21st century.

Even in Eugene, where the white anarchists, white supremacists, white vandals outnumber the BIPOC peaceful protesters, that seems to reflect a national trend.

What happened to Rodney King was a well known, commonplace experience in communities of color. So, nobody believes us, until a white man video tapes the beating?

Still the cops are acquitted, because “Strange Fruit” is always in season, not just in the South. Training officer Derek Chauvin, even while being videotaped using a known kill move on a suspected fake \$20 bill passer, didn’t feel there were going to be any negative consequences for his actions, even lying on his report of the incident. He was setting an example for the cops of color, witnessing George Floyd’s death: This is the expected behavior because the only color you need to see is blue.

While I am heartened by the condemnation by the law enforcement and legal community, I am sobered by my long career as a mandatory reporter. How do you abolish the police, and still provide protection for kids facing sex slavery, child abuse and other common horrors?

I’m not aware of any civilization reaching our level of urban complexity that hasn’t had somebody enforcing the behavioral norms of society, especially when those norms were unjust.

When it was the law that it was illegal for people of color to be on Eugene streets after dark, because it was also illegal for them to live within the city limits, I’m sure the cops, sheriffs, banks, chamber of commerce and many citizens enforced those behavioral and legal norms. The resulting low ethnic minorities in the city, state and county was an intentional feature of the permanence of racism. So breaking the windows of businesses does nothing to dissolve the bedrock of systemic discrimination.

Renaming Deady Hall, by itself, does nothing to the curriculum taught inside those walls nor racist attitudes of math teachers. No more than tearing down the Pioneer statuary changes neither the urbane, nor the bucolic expressions and manifestations of institutional racism within the university, or the city, county and state within which it resides.

It’s progress to switch the name of a dorm, from Eugene Klan #3 Exalted Cyclops Frederick Dunn, to Black Architect DeNorval Unthank, and I supported that.

But Dee’s future wife had a cross burned in front of her sorority and was ejected from that sorority because she was dating a Black man. Her ejection was supported by a woman whose family name graces another prominent building at the University of Oregon.

I wish the Math Department in Deady Hall could find a way to mathematically measure, therefore predict, the degree of racist meme infection, a sort of memetic viral load, to assess the degree of feverish delusional supremacy someone labors under. Apply quarantine, isolation, social distancing, before they infect others with their deadly strain.

Perhaps they could partner with the Psychology Department, which could be part of the movement within that field to declare how racism might affect and infect people emotionally and psychologically: ethnic identity dysphoria. Devise at least a talking cure.

The utility of such mathematical precision and psychological healing could be useful to prevent needless injury and death. What strain of racist meme infected Dylan Roof to commit racist mass murder in a church, and then have the arresting officers take him to Burger King on the way to jail?

What strain prevented officers from simply taking a drunk Black man home, to sleep it off, rather than illegally shooting him in the back when he ran away, still drunk, in fear, apparently justifiably so? What anti-racist vaccine can increase our common humanity, and compassion, and help reduce the impact of the disasters we find ourselves in. I think I remember the cure. ■

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out getting to know people and learn their story, when we are just anonymous faces, implicit bias will favor whiteness. Security cameras and centralized police forces are designed to favor whiteness, to protect whiteness and to make white people feel safe. Institutionally, this is a change we can make as a district to decolonize our schools today.

Marty Wilder
Eugene

'BAD APPLES' SPOIL WHOLE DEPARTMENTS

Cops and their apologists keep talking about "a few bad apples" re the murders of black folk and the beatings of completely peaceful protesters. Well, the complete saying is: "A few bad apples spoil the bunch."

Rot spreads. If you get gangrene in your little toe and do nothing about it, you don't lose a little toe. You lose a foot, then a leg, and then your life. That is what has happened to the police. To paraphrase the NRA, the only thing that will stop a bad cop who wants to murder a person of color is a good cop with a conscience.

Well then, where are the good cops?

Here's the thing: Neo-nazis carrying torches chanting death to the Jews? The cops are cool with that. Armed &

THIS MODERN WORLD

THIS WEEK: A SPECIAL PANDEMIC FUN GAME!

SPOT THE MISTAKES

We've inserted several deliberate errors throughout the following panels. Can you find them all? Answers at the end--but *no peeking!*

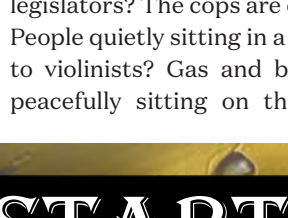
1. February 26: Trump assures nation that his administration has the pandemic under control.

"BECAUSE OF ALL WE'VE DONE, THE RISK TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REMAINS VERY LOW...WHEN YOU HAVE FIFTEEN PEOPLE, AND THE FIFTEEN WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS IS GOING TO BE DOWN TO ZERO, THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD JOB WE'VE DONE!"



2. April 2: Trump laments the ineffectiveness of antibiotic treatments, which do not kill viruses, on the coronavirus.

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3. April 23: Trump proposes alternative treatments for COVID-19.

"I SEE THE DISINFECTANT THAT KNOCKS IT OUT IN A MINUTE! IS THERE A WAY WE CAN DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT BY INJECTION INSIDE, OR ALMOST A CLEANING? ...IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO CHECK THAT OUT!"



4. June 15: As nine states report record coronavirus cases, Trump explains the clear downside of widespread testing.

"IF YOU DON'T TEST, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CASES! IF WE STOPPED TESTING RIGHT NOW, WE'D HAVE VERY FEW CASES--IF ANY!"



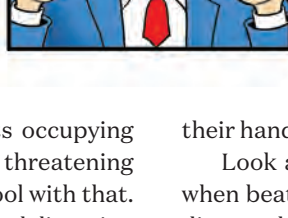
DID YOU SPOT THE MISTAKES?

Panel 1: The mistake here is that Donald Trump ever became president. Whoops!

Panel 2: Trump was not removed from office during impeachment, nor has the 25th Amendment been invoked. Oh well!

Panel 3: A deranged narcissist in cognitive decline is in charge of our pandemic response. Whoops again!

Panel 4: Did we mention that Donald Trump is president? Also, his hands are too big in that drawing.



masked white supremacists occupying state capitol buildings and threatening legislators? The cops are cool with that. People quietly sitting in a park listening to violinists? Gas and batons. People peacefully sitting on the street with

their hands up? Beat 'em and gas 'em.

Look at the joy and glee cops show when beating peaceful protesters. It's a disease that needs to be excised.

Jamie Selko
Eugene

DAMNED CHEAPSKATE CYCLISTS!

Thank you, Karen Cross ("Don't yell, get a bell," Letters 5/28). In my lifetime I have been a pedestrian, a bicyclist, a motorcyclist and a car driver, so I have all of those perspectives. Currently my wife and I live very close to the west bank bike path and enjoy afternoon bike rides along the Willamette River. I am amused, on a good day, and often irritated by the number of times that I have had a bike rider, on an expensive racing bike, clad in several hundred dollars worth of Spandex and carbon fiber riding gear, pass very near me from the rear at high speed, and apparently is too broke and/or inconsiderate of others to spend \$5 on a bike bell.

And while I'm waxing curmudgeonly, slow down lads. It's a bike and foot path, not a freeway.

Edgar Darwin
Eugene

READ UP ON EDUCATION

Have you read Michelle Obama's best-seller *Becoming*? What a delightful read! It would convince anyone the importance of increasing funds for education. A free community college could be a start with a goal for all Black, brown and white students. Can you imagine Oregon with a doubling of college-educated citizens?

Ruth Duemler
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THE CITY THREATENS A ONE-TIME EUGENE MAYORAL CANDIDATE AND HER FAMILY WITH CRIPPLING FINES FOR ALLOWING THE HOMELESS TO CAMP DURING THE PANDEMIC

By Donny Morrison

Photo by Donny Morrison

Since April, 75-year-old Pat Hadley has been living in a tent on a planting strip between busy W. 11th Avenue and the home of a sympathetic Eugene family. You may recognize the house as the one that used to have a gigantic, hand-painted Bernie Sanders sign out front.

The occupants, Zondie Zinke, Otis Haschemeyer and their two daughters, say they've allowed Hadley and one other camper, outspoken homeless advocate Eric Jackson, a safe place to pitch their tents because of the city's inability to provide adequate housing options for the growing homeless population.

"We're not really looking to make a statement," Zinke says. "We're actually just responding to two human beings who clearly need a break. That's it."

Jackson, who's remained a polarizing figure in Eugene's homeless community since 2017, helps take care of Hadley and keep things tidy. Zinke and Haschemeyer run a line of power out to the campers' tents so they can charge their phones, and a number of the neighbors help to keep them stocked with books and food.

However, the city says the camp isn't legal.

According to city code, permitted overnight sleeping can only happen in the backyard, with reasonable bathroom and garbage accommodation. On June 2, Zinke and Haschemeyer received a letter from the city of Eugene's Code Compliance Services that said they've gotten multiple complaints about the campers in front of their home.

The letter stated that if they didn't clear the tents within a week — and ask Hadley and Jackson to leave — they'd be subjected to fines of up to \$2,000 a day.

Zinke and Haschemeyer say they don't feel comfortable telling the campers to leave when there's nowhere else for them to go. They say the only places the city allows the unhoused to camp are removed from downtown — and away from resources that help them survive.

"It's a moral argument," Haschemeyer says. "I think it's immoral for me to push people off my property who are living safely and push them back into the public realm during a pandemic. We're not even offering them much. Just a place to camp."

After a month of email correspondence with the city's Building and Permit Services, the city gave a final notice July 2, saying that despite several extensions to either move or clear the camp, it's only continued to grow bigger. If it's not cleaned up by July 8, the home owners will be subjected to fines. The city notes that the family can appeal — but it'll cost \$250.

It's a Full Time Job Being Poor

Hadley was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to a single mother who worked in a factory for minimum wage. She was poor and began working directly out of high school. Hadley says she's done all types of work — including even writing for an old alt-weekly in Seattle called *Northwest Passage* at one point — but mostly she ran printing presses in Oregon and Massachusetts, before deciding to return to school.

"I didn't go to college until I was 46," Hadley says. "I consider myself a blue collar broad."

Hadley has a dry sense of humor that Zinke says entertains her whole block. Their daughters, ages 11 and nine, have grown fond of Hadley, referring to her temporary shelter as a "sleepover," while Hadley cracks jokes from her tent.

"It's a full time job being poor," Hadley says. "The only reason anybody is rich is because they don't wanna work hard like me."

Hadley says she went to the University of Oregon for a master's degree in public administration, but never graduated.

She says St. Vincent de Paul had helped her find low-income housing in 2016, but that she had been evicted shortly after for allowing her granddaughter to stay with her without passing a background check. She's been homeless ever since.

"I'm not a drug addict. I'm not an alcoholic. I worked for over 50 years and my Social Security is \$550 a month," Hadley says. "For this to happen at this point in my life, I was stunned."

According to the city, for Zinke to let Hadley, or anybody, camp on her property, they would need to be in the backyard, or behind a fence, and have access to bathroom facilities and garbage pickup. Zinke says that the backyard isn't an option because that's where

her children play, and it isn't safe during the pandemic.

"Pat Hadley is somebody who really deserves a modicum of stability," Zinke says. "And all we're even offering her is 'You won't have to move,' but now she'll have to move and it's deeply destabilizing her life."

Zinke ran for mayor in 2020 on a campaign built around helping the unhoused. In 2018, she sent an email to Mayor Lucy Vinis attempting to bring awareness to the unsanitary conditions of sanctioned homeless camps in Eugene.

In the response, Vinis reminded Zinke that she could allow a camper to stay on her property, so long as they have access to a toilet — either the one in her house or a port-o-potty.

Zinke and Haschemeyer don't feel comfortable allowing the campers to use their house bathroom during a global pandemic, and they've already paid to get larger trash cans, something the city hasn't offered to reimburse. The city has made no offer to help with a port-o-potty, and both Zinke and Haschemeyer say all they want is to work with the city to make sure these people are taken care of. But they've received no help.

"It shouldn't be that hard to entice people away from a curbside where they get nothing but a thin line of electricity," Zinke says. "We're happy to work with them to accommodate in ways that do meet the codes here. If they want them behind the fence, then port-o-potties is probably all it would take. But they aren't offering that. They aren't offering anything."

After a month of emails and extensions, Zinke and Haschemeyer fear the end is near. Community members have offered to raise money to fight the fines, but Zinke is reluctant to accept. She's too uncertain about the future.

"I think the truth is that the city will win," Zinke says. "We can't take a risk with fines. We can't even interpret what the fines would be the first week. If it's \$2,000 a day, in just a matter of months, we'd be over the value of the house. We would lose our property."

Although Hadley might be forced to move in under a week, she has no real idea where she'll go yet. But she isn't asking for much.

"Ideally I want a little cottage somewhere, a place no one can bug me," Hadley says. "I want a space. A house. A small little studio maybe." ■

HAPPENING PEOPLE

by Paul Neevel



Sarah Williams

When she was three years old, growing up in Chicago, Sarah Williams and her three sisters were taken from their mother, an addict with drug-induced schizophrenia, and placed in foster care. “My foster mom had eight foster kids,” she says, “plus her own nine grandkids.” Pregnant at age 16, Sarah dropped out of high school to give birth to a son, Lloyd. She married his father, Lloyd Williams Sr., a year later. Their second child, a daughter, was born with a heart condition and spent most of her brief five months of life in a hospital. The experience inspired Williams to become a nurse. After the birth of two more children, Gardenia and Jonathan, the Williams family moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where Sarah resumed her education, earning a GED, a certified nursing assistant and a licensed practical nurse credential in six years. In Phoenix, Arizona, she worked in a cardiac unit and completed an associate degree in nursing. She and Lloyd Sr., along with Gardenia and Jonathan, arrived in Springfield, Oregon, in 2018 for her new job in the intensive care unit at PeaceHealth RiverBend. “I wanted to do more for the homeless and the mental health community,” she says. “A coworker told me about Western Governors University.” Williams began an online WGU bachelor of science in nursing program in March 2019. “I finished in eight months,” she notes, “and got two awards for academic excellence.” She was invited to give a commencement address at a regional WGU graduation ceremony in Dallas, Texas, in February of this year. She is currently enrolled in an online program from Walden University to become a mental health nurse practitioner. In June, she transferred from the ICU to the emergency department at RiverBend. “I was burned out from day-to-day bedside nursing,” she admits. “I’m in the process of writing a book about my life and experiences. A friend suggested the name: *A Rose from Concrete*. I’m looking for a writing coach or editor.”

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Photo by Jade Yamazaki Stewart

Marching for Justice

A WEEKLY ROUND-UP OF BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTS, BAKE SALES AND OTHER EVENTS

By Taylor Perse and Jade Yamazaki Stewart

In the days leading up to the Fourth of July, Black Lives Matter protesters in Eugene returned to the streets with renewed fervor. Marchers demanded justice for one of their own, boycotted and protested the national holiday and held a bake sale to raise money for CAHOOTS.

After Isiah Wagoner was hit by a car, fellow Black Unity organizers took a few days off to regroup, according to a Facebook post by Clea Ibrahim.

Black Lives Matter protesters from around the community gathered in front of the Lane County Jail on the evening of July 1 to show solidarity for detainees in the middle of a hunger strike.

While at the jail, protesters also advocated for justice for Wagoner. The man who hit him, Travis Waleri, has not been charged with any crimes yet, and Eugene police say they are still investigating the incident.

As the night went on, the protest grew more intense as people arrived and began lighting off fireworks and making noise outside the jail. Some protesters tore down a fence near the jail, smashing the windshield of a car and spray painting “ACAB,” meaning “all cops are bastards,” on the sign out front. The night ended with a burning of the American flag and one protester arrested.

The next day, the county sheriff’s department labeled the events as a riot. On June 30, Gov. Kate Brown had signed a bill that bans tear gas, except in situations that police declare to be a riot. Law enforcement must then announce that they will be deploying the tear gas before doing so. While tear gas was not used at the jail, deputies deployed pepperballs, according to the sheriff’s office.

On Friday, July 3, Black Unity held a protest called “The truth behind the flag. Justice for Isiah.” At the march, organizers demanded justice for Wagoner and spoke about how the American flag and the Fourth of July represent freedom and independence for white people, but symbolize oppression for Black, Indigenous and people of color.

The protest started near the tennis courts at Westmoreland Park near 21st Avenue and Polk Street. At about 7 pm, around 200 people milled around on the grass. An organizer blasted the hip hop track “Fuck Donald Trump,” by YG and Nipsey Hussle through a portable speaker.

The group moved southeast from there. At 25th and Friendly, they stopped for speeches from mothers in the Black Unity leadership group.

They mourned that their young children who were

at the children’s protest had to experience such violent racism, so early in their lives. Some of their kids saw Wagoner get hit by a car, which had an American flag bumper sticker on it, at the protest.

“It feels like a real slap in the face during the Fourth of July. You see all these big ass, big daddy trucks with American flags,” Black Unity organizer Kinaya Haug said. “After something like that happened, it feels like a real slap in the face, especially after that car had one on its bumper.”

“Let’s get a chant for all of our Black babies out there,” somebody yelled. “Our children matter! Our children matter,” the protesters chanted.

The protesters then marched up to 29th and Chambers, where they sat in the road for more speeches. Chants of “Fuck the flag, fuck the flag,” turned into “Fuck your flag! Fuck your flag!”

Organizer Martin Allums spoke about his feelings on the fourth and the flag, saying that it didn’t represent freedom for all, but instead, the freedom for white people to oppress people of color.

“When we say fuck the flag, we’re saying fuck your independence,” he said. “We want equality. We want to be included.”

The protesters marched north down Chambers stopping at 18th and Chambers and blocking the busy intersection for more speeches, before heading back to Westmoreland Park. The protest ended at around 10 pm.

On that same Friday, community organizers held a bake sale as a fundraiser for CAHOOTS, and 100 percent of the proceeds went to the crisis response organization that people nationwide are looking to as an alternative to policing.

Looking ahead, The BIPOC Liberation Collective is hosting an anti-racism and anti-capitalist march at Monroe Park on Friday, July 10. Protesters are planning a march in Corvallis on Saturday July 11. On July 12, there will be a vigil for Vanessa Guillen, a 20-year-old Army soldier and person of color who was killed by another soldier in Texas. On the same night Black Unity will be hosting a movie at Sladden Park.

Organizers of Black Unity are also collaborating with Creative Gallery and Hooper Mentality Foundation for the July 18 youth event “Speak Up and Dribble,” where marchers will dribble and play basketball while moving through the streets of Eugene. ■

For more information and a calendar of Black Lives Matter related events in Eugene visit BoopTroopEugene.com.

Grass Danger

INVASIVE FOXTAILS CAN HURT YOUR DOG

By Camilla Mortensen

The first morning I saw it, it was just a red patch on my dog's paw — a little puffy and oozing. Probably an allergy, I thought; after all, late June is still grass pollen season.

It was grass, but the problem wasn't the pollen; it was the seeds. By the end of the day, half of Biggie's hind leg was swollen. I called my vet and she said to get him in right away — he probably had a foxtail.

Foxtails are a weed found in the Western U.S. and around Oregon. You can find patches of it all around downtown Eugene right now, coming up in cracks in the sidewalk and in the overgrown yards of businesses closed for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Foxtails are dangerous to dogs because they migrate through their bodies. Biggie had to have his surgically removed. It had burrowed its way inches up his leg.

"Like fishhooks," says Dr. Eleanor Teplin of South Willamette Veterinary Clinic in Creswell of the barbed seeds, also known as awns. "They move one direction. Normally the body can push things out, but these leave

a tract that can make the problem much worse because it spreads down the leg."

Teplin removed Biggie's foxtail and put him on a strong course of antibiotics. She sent him home with a bandaged foot, and he got to sport the cone of shame for a couple days. And Biggie got off lightly.

Teplin says she's had a patient with one in his ear that pierced the eardrum and caused neurologic issues. Foxtails have made their way up dogs' noses, into their eyes and genitals and as far as their lungs.

"Most need to be surgically removed," Teplin says. And the dogs need to be given antibiotics and anti-inflammatories.

She says she often sees them in farm dogs and working dogs such as sheep guardians who are out in the fields. Some seasons, she says, are worse than others.

You can't prevent foxtails, but you can check your dog's paws, skin and fur if they have been out in the grass — or in Biggie's case, walking near downtown.

If you see a swelling in the foot or see your dog sneezing a lot or shaking his head, call your vet right away, Teplin says. ■

Foxtails are dangerous to dogs because they migrate through their bodies

Wear a Mask

LANE COUNTY CONTINUES REOPENING DESPITE VIRUS SURGE

By Gina Scalpone

Lydia McKee is concerned about going to work. McKee is a 23-year-old Lane Community College student who works in the clothing section of the Gateway Target in Springfield.

McKee says that the store reported on June 27 that one of its employees had tested positive for the coronavirus. That employee's last work day before quarantine? Also June 27.

"A lot of people received calls. A lot of people did not receive calls," McKee says on the announcement.

Though it's easy to forget these days, we're still in the midst of a pandemic. Nearly 500,000 people have been killed by the novel coronavirus worldwide, and Oregon is continuing to reopen despite reporting new records of cases almost daily.

Every county in Oregon has entered at least Phase One in reopenings, and reported cases across the state, especially in Multnomah, Union and Lincoln, have surged. Lane County, which typically reported no cases a day just before it entered the first phase of reopening, now reports around 13 new cases daily.

Despite the surge, people have tried to make masks a political issue — Gov. Kate Brown ordered people in some counties to wear masks in public, indoor spaces on June 12 but did not extend the order statewide until July 1. Meanwhile, states like Texas and Arizona have rolled back reopenings after seeing record cases, and Brown

said she may do the same if cases continue to increase.

According to data provided by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), businesses in the Eugene-Springfield area have had 496 COVID-19 related complaints filed against them by employees since March 13. Some businesses and organizations have had multiple grievances filed against them. The issues listed in the complaints range from businesses not requiring or allowing for social distancing, management allowing employees to come into work while sick or with a fever and improper sanitization of the area.

Target never made masks mandatory for customers to enter the store, and now that it's a legal requirement — punishable as a Class C misdemeanor — employees are still not allowed to ask customers why they're not wearing a mask or to request that they put one on, McKee says. Instead, they are supposed to ask their managers.

The Springfield Target directed calls for comment to its corporate press office, which did not respond to requests for comment.

"It's HR and management's job to protect the workers," McKee says. And for McKee's coworkers, that doesn't mean they feel safe, she says.

"It's really hard for people to speak out when they're afraid of losing their job," McKee says. While she says she feels comfortable speaking out because her family can support her — though not without some financial strain — her coworkers may not be so lucky. ■

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• July 15 is the **COVID-19 delayed tax day**, and now is an excellent time to think about what

you do or don't want your local, state and federal taxes going to. Police? The military? Health care? Check out our online guest viewpoint this week — in addition to our online coverage of the city and county in our EWExtra, which you can find by searching "EW Extra" — and think about where your money is going.

• **In the middle of this pandemic there's been some good news** — a district court judge ordered the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) to be shut down within 30 days and the oil drained because the Army Corps of Engineers did not fully consider the environmental impacts of the crude oil pipeline, and there were too many safety concerns. While this order only shuts DAPL down for 13 months, here's to hoping the oil never flows again! Many of Lane County's Indigenous and activist communities traveled to Standing Rock to protest the DAPL.

JACOB S. HACKER AND PAUL PIERSON

LET THEM EAT TWEETS



HOW THE RIGHT RULES IN AN AGE OF EXTREME INEQUALITY

• **What we will be reading:** *Let Them Eat Tweets: How the Right Rules in an Age of Extreme Inequality* by Jacob S. Hacker and Paul Pierson. Both authors grew up in Eugene, are political science professors and have written a series of important books together. Reviewed July 5 in *The New York Times*, the book tells us what happens "when an elite begins to abandon democracy."

• Our Congressman Peter DeFazio is proud, as he should be, that the **Moving Forward Act passed the House on July 2**. Calling it "transformative," he says he "will do everything in my power to urge the Senate to do the same." As chair of the House Infrastructure and Transportation Committee, Congressman Pete steered this bill, which he says will "revitalize our country's infrastructure and create family-wage jobs, as well as promote our commitment to social and environmental justice." Maybe President Donald Trump and Sen. Mitch McConnell will approve the Moving Forward Act, spinning it like it was their idea to do the right thing. That certainly would help them both win votes they need.

• **We're not the only ones who love the popular vote.** On Monday, July 6, The Supreme Court unanimously ruled that states can punish electoral voters who go against the popular vote. That's big since the Electoral College ruled in favor of two popular vote losers that resulted in huge presidential nightmares. In 2000, former vice president Al Gore lost to George W. Bush (who then led us into an illegal war in Iraq), and in 2016 Hillary Clinton lost to President Donald Trump (who is just leading us to hell).

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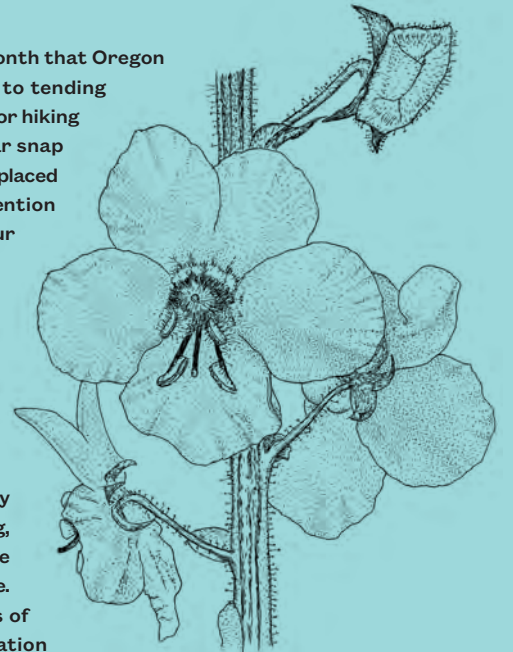
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It's About Time by David Wagner

In a normal year, July is the month that Oregon nature lovers turn their energy to tending their gardens and getting ready for hiking deeper into the mountains. Sugar snap peas have been harvested to be replaced by pole beans. We maintain attention to the flower beds now that our favorites have settled into their pattern of blooming until the frosts arrive in the fall. Annuals like marigolds and zinnias are getting established, while early lilies have their leaves withering and their bulbs enter summer dormancy. The alstroemerias are special: they give us cut flowers for long lasting, colorful bouquets while keeping the garden overflowing with abundance.



VERBASCUM BLATTARIA - MOTH MULLEIN

There are some dark strands of anxiety that enter our appreciation of nature. In the past, our main worry was backpacking into the high country too early, before the mosquito level dropped off. Droughts have added terrible fire seasons, restricting where we can go camping. Forest trees are dying. Now a virus pandemic clamps a hold on what we can do.

We are cursed by the failure of our government leaders (particularly the evil imbecile who is our president) to deal with multiple crises. We are facing unchecked climate change, uncontrolled COVID-19 spread, gutting of environmental protection policies and social unrest brought on by an explosion of anger over civil injustice. Naturalists cannot in good conscience withdraw quietly into the woods. Future naturalists depend on us being politically vociferous in every way we can.

We need to write, march, donate. Kneel to worship flowers.

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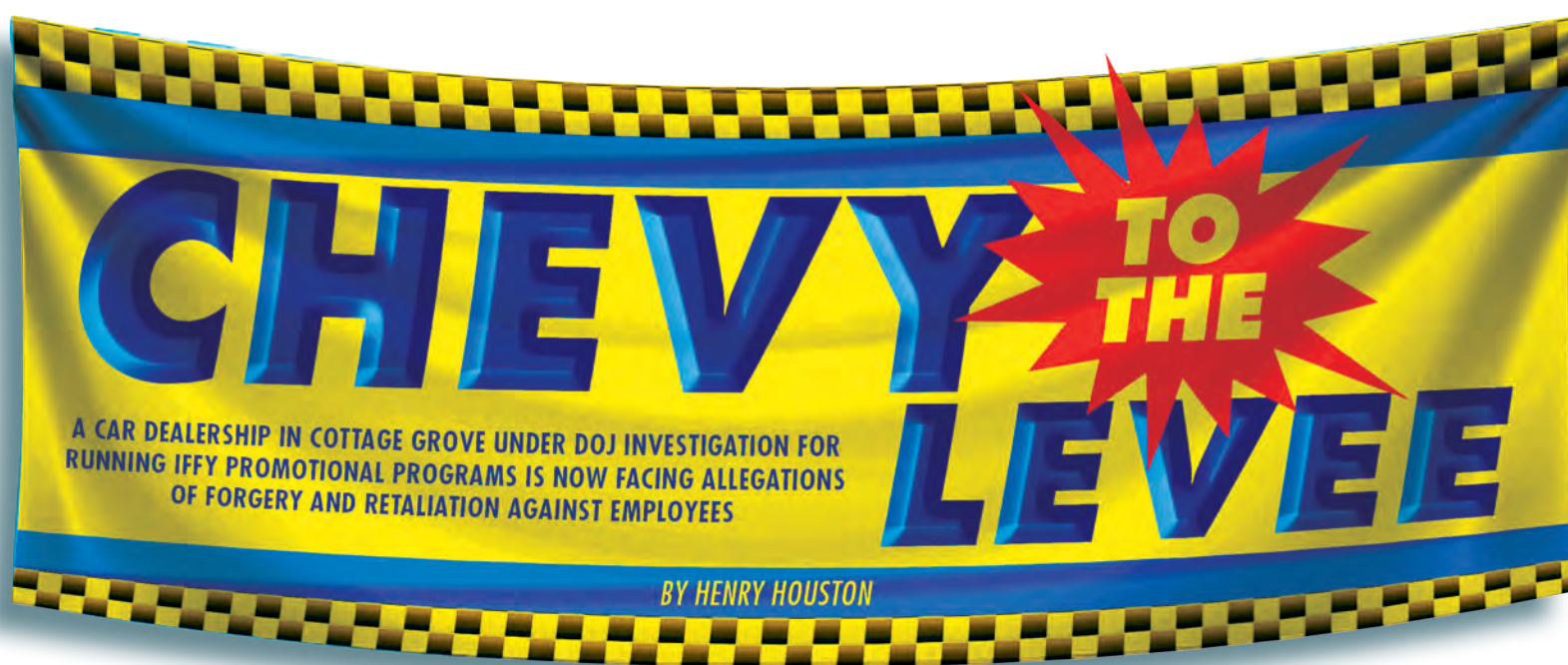
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Buying a car is one of the more significant transactions that the average American goes through, especially if the purchase happens at a dealership. The financial transaction often requires a sizable down payment and a financial loan from a bank or credit union.

That monthly car payment is usually second to only rent or mortgage payments. According to a report from Autowise.com based on data from credit report agencies and financial institutions, the average monthly payment for a used car in Oregon is \$305 and for a new car \$491. And many are stuck with car payments for years. A 2017 report from the U.S. Consumer Bureau shows nearly 70 percent of car buyers are paying off car loans for five to seven years.

So finding a trustworthy place to buy a car is important.

But one local dealership, Brad's Cottage Grove Chevrolet, is the subject of an Oregon Department of Justice investigation over its use of mailers to bring in potential customers thinking they may have won a prize at the dealership. According to state DOJ interviews with employees in 2019, one employee says Brad's use of misleading mailers to attract potential customers to the dealership were "circus antics." The Oregon DOJ says it cannot comment because it is an active investigation.

And a recent lawsuit filed in the Lane County Circuit Court as well as a complaint with the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) alleges the dealership's management has retaliated against employees when they have raised awareness about check forgery and forging signatures on documents.

James Gardner, an attorney for Brad's, tells *Eugene Weekly* that the dealership is cooperating with the DOJ investigation and says the former employee who filed the lawsuit is "a bad actor."

Check into Cash

Garrett Taylor has worked as a car salesman for about 12 years. When he worked for Brad's in 2019, he says he was one of their best salesmen.

"I was very good at my job and was their No. 1 sales guy," he tells *EW*. "I worked my tail off for that company, and as I perceived it, it was a good company with the wrong management leading the way."

EW first learned about Taylor's case after he filed a complaint with BOLI on Feb. 3 and reached out to his lawyer.

Taylor was supposed to win the "Salesperson of the

Year" bonus because he had sold the most vehicles, which came with a pay bonus, according to his complaint.

On Dec. 20, 2019, he met with dealership owner Bradley Cohen, management and coworkers, to say that forgery had been occurring. He says he provided multiple documents to prove his claim, according to paperwork filed in the Lane County Circuit Court against Brad's.

Taylor tells *EW* that he doesn't want to sound like he's bashing his former employer because for the nine months he was there, the company provided him and his family with the opportunity to make a reliable paycheck. But he says he wanted to come forward to the dealership management about the wrongdoing that was happening to avoid yet another DOJ investigation.

At first creating fake paychecks was done for friends of the general manager, he says.

"There were a lot of female strippers who the general manager was associated with. And they could not provide pay stubs for proof of income," Taylor says.

Because professions like exotic dancing generate a lot of tips, some of which might not be reported as income, the dealership's management created fake pay stubs to provide the bank as proof of income.

When that was working fine, Taylor says the pay stub forgery then expanded to include unknowing customers.

Taylor says in general a car dealership is the middleman that has access to all aspects of a sale: It can see the customer's paystubs, as well as whether a customer can qualify for a bank loan. So the bank didn't know the pay stub was altered and neither did the customer.

A result of forging a pay stub to secure a bank loan is that the customer can be stuck with a high car payment that could end in repossession, he adds.

EW obtained a copy of a real paystub and one allegedly falsified by Brad's. In a real paystub from a popular

Oregon fast food seafood restaurant, the net pay shows \$400.72 based on 40 hours of work with \$12.47 hourly rate.

In the faked version, the employee has a net pay of \$790.58 at 78.64 hours of work with a \$13.25 hourly rate.

Taylor isn't the only former employee who came forward about management demanding staff break the law. Although the person denies he filed the complaint, a complaint sent to the DOJ in 2019 alleges the general manager demanded that all sales staff break the law and lie to customers by fluffing people's income on credit applications to help secure financing as well as lie about interest rates and how much customers pay for cars.

Gardner, Brad's attorney, says Taylor has a criminal history and a motive to fabricate documents. He adds that the dealership had reported him to law enforcement for alleged fraud. Although Taylor had criminal charges in 2017, Brad's still hired him in 2019.

On Dec. 31, Taylor's manager told him he would not receive the "Salesperson of the Year" bonus. According to Taylor's BOLI complaint filed Jan. 24, a few days later the manager decided to give him the bonus anyway, which he had already promised to Taylor's coworker.

Taylor alleges he learned of another illegal practice at the dealership: The manager asked him to sign a cancellation check. He says a cancellation check is when a customer trades in a car that has life on the warranty left; the customer is entitled to the remaining money.

Taylor's manager asked him to forge a customer's name on a cancellation check. He says in that case, the customer owed some money for a down payment for a recent car purchase and the cancellation check would be applied to it.

"I'll never sign anybody's name other than mine. Whether or not a customer says it's OK, it's a crime," he says.



The next day, Taylor says, he was locked out of his computer and all sales leads were given to his coworker. After he confronted the manager about being locked out, he was given access again. But all of his emails and sales leads were still erased, he alleges in the BOLI complaint.

“That is information that I need to do my job, and I cannot sell vehicles without leads,” Taylor writes in his BOLI complaint. Among other duties, BOLI protects employees from unlawful discrimination, retaliation and harassment at the workplace.

Taylor withdrew his BOLI complaint after the state agency granted him a right-to-sue, according to court documents.

The dealership allegedly employed a violent felon who threatened to kill Taylor and his family, according to a recent court filing. The dealership said it fired the employee but Taylor alleges the felon was paid by the dealership to stay in a hotel less than 100 yards from his home to threaten him.

According to court documents, Taylor is seeking \$500,000 in damages.

Always Be Closing

In 2018, Michael Whitney received a mailing that said he could win up to \$25,000 in cash, a 60-inch TV, \$3,500 in cash or a \$5 bill. He pulled a tab from the mail and scratched a piece off. The numbers matched up, signifying he won. To find out what he won, he had to call a hotline number, which he did.

“A woman came on the line, and I indicated that it looked like I had won a prize from Brad’s Chevrolet,” Whitney recalls in a letter to the Oregon DOJ. “She then asked me for my name, which I gave her. She then asked what sort of car I drove.”

The woman then made an appointment for Whitney to collect his prize at 11 a.m. While at the dealership, Whitney says he overheard another prizewinner tell a salesman that he won \$3,500. The salesman replied “that it was just a way to get you into the business where you could see how nice we are and build up a relationship,” according to the letter that *EW* obtained through a public records request to the DOJ.

Whitney ended up driving 30 miles each way from his home to the dealership to spin a prize wheel that landed on a \$1 prize.

Sending the mailers is a way of attracting new customers who aren’t actively looking for a new car to the dealership, according to former Brad’s employee Andrew Burns’ interview with the DOJ in October 2019.

DOJ interview transcripts of sworn statements by Brad’s employees from its active investigation into the dealership show that what Whitney actually won was the chance to spin a prize wheel during a promotional period spearheaded by a third party contractor. Employee interviews with DOJ paint a picture of the dealership’s employee base that had problematic experiences with a company that used “deceptive” promotional methods to get customers in the door. And one employee who participated in the interviews alleges that he experienced employer retaliation for talking too much with the DOJ.

Burns filed a BOLI complaint in February 2020; in it he says the dealership retaliated against him for reporting it was defrauding customers. The first time Burns told the dealership’s management about the practice was in January 2018, according to the complaint.

Burns said the dealership continued to hire a third party to do the sales events that involved mailing fraudulent flyers, like the one that hooked Whitney into Brad’s.

According to a mailer submitted to the DOJ, it was mailed to residents who lived within a 69-mile radius of the dealership. The mailer that Whitney received showed the odds of winning a \$5 bill was 99.5 percent likely, but a \$1 bill was not included on the mailer.

When Burns told management about his uneasiness about the use of the flyers, management told him that he could quit if he didn’t like it, according to his BOLI complaint.

On Oct. 24, 2019, Burns spoke with the DOJ about the

dealership’s use of prize promotion flyers and changing car prices on the internet. In his interview, he says the Oregon Office of the Attorney General became aware of the mail flyer sale during June 2018. And the dealership continued to mail the flyer despite being under investigation.

The prize promotion events that he experienced at the dealership were “a bunch of circus antics,” Burns told the DOJ.

He added that the dealership hired a subcontractor, Automotive Expert, that was well versed in working with the system. The company, he said, provides salespeople who “come to the dealership that understand how to handle the customer that comes into the dealership believing they won a prize and then turn that into a vehicle transaction.”

Burns said he never participated in the tactic and told the DOJ it was deceptive.

“They tell the customer that this is the greatest deal ever, and we’re going to pay you a lot, and you’re going to be so happy, and it’s just fanfare,” he testified.

And what attracts customers to the car lot in the first place is that promise of spinning a prize wheel. Customers think they won a big prize but it’s really just a chance to spin the wheel, he said. The dealership was known to take



the higher prize off the wheel, too, he said, whenever the dealership was running out of cash.

Burns told the DOJ that the job of the contractors is to “turn that customer from an unhappy, pissed off customer that thought they won into somehow selling them a vehicle.”

But customers who came in to claim their prize didn’t like the sales tactics, he added.

“Multiple salespeople from the crew would just keep pushing, and if one guy didn’t do it, then they would bring two guys in,” he said. “Then they would bring three in, and pretty soon they would be surrounded with strangers standing over them.”

What Burns was reporting to the DOJ is similar to what the Indiana Attorney General’s Office cracked down on in 2019. That office went after six companies that conducted similar promotion campaigns that deceived potential customers to come to the dealership.

Although one company is still awaiting its case, five others were hit with fines from \$57,500 to \$2.6 million.

Betsy DeNardi, director and chief counsel of the Consumer Protection Division in Indiana, tells *EW* that those cases were brought under two statutes: the

Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act and the Indiana Promotional Gifts and Contests Act.

Under that state’s law, promoters that send out mailers have to include the promoter’s name and address, as well as odds of winning the prizes, DeNardi says.

In one case, against Traffic Jam Events LLC (which is now in hot water with the FTC over sending out fake stimulus checks in Indiana), the promoter sent out mailers to residents, all of which said the recipient won \$5,000, according to court documents. But when they went to the dealership after hearing a sales pitch, they went home with \$5 gift cards to either Walmart or McDonald’s.

Traffic Jam Events, LLC, had to pay \$57,000 in penalties.

Under the Indiana statute, DeNardi says if someone has to hear a sales pitch for a good or service to pick up a gift, that has to be listed on the mailer.

After Indiana’s Office of the Attorney General pursued action against those companies that managed promotional programs for car dealerships, DeNardi says there have been fewer complaints coming into the office. She adds that although she would like to think the state’s cases have caused change, she can’t say whether that change has happened.

Oregon’s Unlawful Trade and Practices Act prohibits the use of deceptive advertising. Under the act, a business is barred from making false or misleading statements about prizes, contests or promotions used to publicize a product, business or service.

Talking about the prize promotion program wasn’t the only issue that drew the ire of Brad’s management to Burns.

Burns also told the DOJ how many times a previous general manager had demanded that subordinates change internet prices to deceive customers, according to his BOLI report.

Burns told the DOJ that dealership management told him to change car prices on the internet about 50 times, but he refused to do it. Burns said that if a customer had not seen a car’s price online, the manager would tell another subordinate to change the price to a couple thousand dollars more than the advertised price was on the car lot.

In his interview with the DOJ, Burns pointed to a specific car sale in June 2019. The customer came in to look for a new Chevy Traverse, and the manager of the dealership suggested a used current year model. The online price for the car was much less than what it sold for, \$3,000 to \$4,000 less. So the manager asked an employee to change the price before the customer completed the transaction.

Burns added that although he couldn’t specify the number of times the dealership changed the online price of a car after the customer paid more than the advertised price, it happened between eight and 10 times in June 2019.

Burns’ BOLI complaint also alleges he experienced threats from a coworker and suspension for telling the DOJ how many times the dealership changed its internet prices.

“At the end of October, respondent’s owner, Bradley Cohen, told me ‘You need to shut your mouth,’” Burns alleges in his BOLI complaint, a statement that was caught on video camera.

On Jan. 21 this year, Burns said in his BOLI complaint that Cohen called him on his work phone and called him a “pussy” and a “prick” who deserved to have his ass kicked. Cohen then added that Burns would be suspended.

Unlike Taylor, Burns’ BOLI case didn’t end up in a lawsuit. His lawyer says Burns died earlier this year. And management involved with the alleged internet price changes and promotional flyers no longer work at the dealership, according to the 2019 DOJ interviews.

Despite what Taylor experienced at Brad’s, he says he hopes the dealership cleans its act up — because many employees depend on the paycheck to feed their families.

For more information on how to file a consumer complaint on a business in Oregon, visit Doj.State.or.us/Consumer-Protection or call the hotline at 1-877-877-9392.



For the Love of Fair

THE 51ST ANNUAL OREGON COUNTRY FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE IN A VIRTUAL WORLD

By Frankie Kerner

Since 1969, the Oregon Country Fair has historically taken place in Veneta, just 30 minutes outside of Eugene. It's an Oregon staple, with people coming from all over for the three-day summer event.

This year, things are going to look different. Due to COVID-19, the OCF staff had to make the tough decision of cancelling the Fair for the first time since its inception 51 years ago. However, that isn't stopping the community from coming together to make it happen — virtually. And no, it's not on Zoom.

Instead of hosting the festival at the Fairgrounds, it'll be all online, a 3D version of the annual Fair — OCF without all the dust, and with free entry for everyone.

Typically, Fair attracts more than 45,000 people each year, with tickets about \$30 per person per day, and brings in a lot of revenue for local crafters, vendors and artists. However, with a limited budget from lost ticket sales, the staff had to get creative.

One way to "attend" Fair this year is the "m8trix," a 3D interactive platform created primarily by game developer Chris Calef and several other volunteers.

Calef took on the task of creating an online version with only weeks to go. He spends a lot of time working with virtual worlds at his day-job, using terrain data from the real world to craft digital models. He decided to make a 3D model of the Fairgrounds, an interactive platform where people could actually "walk" around. Calef started designing the landscape on his own, but a few other volunteers jumped on board quickly. Soon after, dozens of people came in to add things to the virtual space.

Logging on, you'll notice a familiar setting. You can see the grass, the trees, the iconic river, the wooden booths and even the giant peach tree at the center. But things feel different. It's a Minecraft-esque version of the beloved Fair, and instead of running around in the hot sun, you'll be using the left, right, up and down arrows on your computer.

Fairgoers will be able to visit OCFInTheClouds.Net July 10-12 to explore, and perhaps even get lost, in the terrain. Calef says anyone can access the site from a phone or computer, but it'll likely work only with newer devices and browsers. "We tried to make it as accessible as possible," he says.

To log on, users must create a free account on Discord, an online app used for chatting with voice and by text. Then, they will join the Fair in the Clouds' Discord server and click on the OCF Peach Portal before roaming around freely in the virtual world. Because it's run through Discord, participants will actually get to speak to each other in real time in a virtual chat room. "What I really wanted to reproduce was the Fair magic of bumping into people accidentally on the trail," Calef says. "And that's impossible in any kind of format other than this."

"Hopefully it'll result in people feeling like they saw people they wouldn't have seen except at the Fair," Calef adds. "That's a big deal for me because for a lot of my friends, it's the only time I see them." Calef has been coming to OCF and volunteering for the past nine years. Since then it's become an integral part of his life.

"We realize for crafters and entertainers, the pandemic hit them really hard," says operations manager Crystalyn Frank. There will be multiple ways to support these creators from July 10-12 and beyond, like links on the OCF website to the crafters' Etsy accounts and websites, where participants can buy from them directly.

"All of this is being done with very minimal cost," Frank says. "And then a whole lot of work and love from our incredible volunteers who are teaming together to create a way for the community to connect with each other."

Though the Oregon Country Fair won't feel the same as it has in the past, the staff and volunteers have come together to bring a hint of what it's always been about: community. "It's an attempt to salvage something out of Fair other than bodies, sweat, smells, food, all the things that usually make up the fair," Calef says. "It'll never be anything like the real Fair, but if we can salvage little bits of it, at least people can have some fun and make some money for the crafters."

For more information on the Oregon Country Fair's virtual platform, visit OregonCountryFair.Org.



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Empowerment, education and support for girls has been Ophelia’s Place’s calling card for the past 15 years, and this year, with everything now virtual, the mission statement has taken on a greater significance. “We’ve all been teenagers,” Teri Conklin, marketing director at Ophelia’s Place, says. “It’s not easy, especially now. We provide a safe place for all girls.” To help girls continue to connect online for drop-in gatherings, workshops and therapy appointments, the nonprofit is hosting Ophelia’s Place **Virtual BINGO Night**. Like other organizations, Ophelia’s Place was caught off-guard at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Soon, though, Ophelia’s Place had re-evaluated its programs and was up and running online to sustain its efforts, as Conklin says, to have girls see “the best version of themselves.” Ophelia’s Place was founded in Eugene and has a branch in Junction City. Conklin notes that the nonprofit hopes to open a third branch in Albany in 2021.

Ophelia’s Place Virtual BINGO Night, a fundraiser, is 6:30 pm Thursday, July 16. More information can be found at OpheliasPlace.net. \$5 per card (\$20 minimum) with a \$250 grand prize. Cards are purchased in groups of four games or eight games. — *Dan Buckwalter*

GENERAL

LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

ACTIVIST ALERT

Thursday, July 9: CLCD: Empowering Activists: How to Prevent Burnout (online event), 3pm. RSVP at CLDC.org.

Thursday, July 9: Eugene Police Commission Zoom meeting, 5:30-8pm. More info at Eugene-or.gov.

Saturday, July 11: BLM March in Corvallis, 11am. More info at [Black Lives Matter](https://BlackLivesMatter.org) Facebook page.

Wednesday, July 15: Listening to the Unhoused, 3-5pm, online event at [ECAN](https://ECAN.org) Facebook page.

Wednesday, July 15: Community Solidarity Study Session: The History of the Police, 7-10pm. Hosted by Portland Rising Tide on the group’s Facebook page.

ONLINE MEETINGS FOR 12-STEP PROGRAMS

Al-Anon Anonymous meetings can be found at AlaNonLaneor.us.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings can be found at EviAaaweb.org.

Co-Dependents Anonymous meetings can be found at Coda.org.

Debtors Anonymous meetings can be found at OregonDebtorsAnonymous.org.

Emotions Anonymous meetings can be found at EmotionsAnonymous.org.

Marijuana Anonymous meetings can be found at Marijuana-Anonymous.org.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings can be found at na.org.

Overeaters Anonymous meetings can be found at oa.org.

Refuge Recovery meetings can be found at RefugeRecovery.org.

HEALTH

Zoom classes at YMCA.org.

Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email Contact@CrossFitIntensify.com for more info.

Workout classes at IAMForeverStrong.com.

Workout classes at Evolve Fitness Studios. More info at EvolveFitnessStudios.com.

Yoga classes at EugeneYoga.us; WildLightYogaCenter.com; EugeneMudra.com; HotYogaEugeneBalanced.com; YogaEugene.com.

KIDS/FAMILY

Jr. Day Camps (thru July 31), 9am-3pm, Garden Way Church, 231 North Garden Way. \$125 per week.

NAACP: Free Daily Cultural Camp for kids (thru July 31), 10am-2pm, Mims House, 330 High St.

ONLINE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Explore.org, live cams from around the world.

Oregon State Parks, Nature: Live in Your Family Room, OregonStateParks.org.

OMSI Live stream events. Short notice on these events. More info at [OMSI](https://OMSI.org) Facebook page.

“Springfield Public Library - Where Minds Grow,” Springfield Public Library YouTube channel.

ONLINE EXHIBITS

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Jsma.Uoregon.edu.

Karin Clarke Gallery, KarinClarkeGallery.com.

Maude Kerns Art Center, MkCenter.org.

White Lotus Gallery, WLotus.org.

NON-ONLINE EXHIBITS

Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St, Springfield. More info at EmeraldArtCenter.org.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Virtual Oregon Country Fair (thru Sunday, July 12), 11am-7pm, Livestream. More info, including where to purchase merch, at OregonCountryFair.org.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Classes and programs online w/ Museum of Natural & Cultural History (UO), MNCH.Uoregon.edu.

Opportunities at Extension. OregonState.edu. Oregon State University Extension Service.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE

FANS on Relix.com. Some streams FREE, others cost. More info at Relix.com.

Oregon Bach Festival’s ‘Radio Festival’ on KWAX (91.9 FM), thru July 10.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL

Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, via Zoom. Meetings can be found at BlueCliffZen.org.

THURSDAY JULY 9

HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom group at NamiLane.org. RSVP at NamiLane.org.

LIVE MUSIC

Hank Shreve & Skip Jones, 7pm, Mac’s Nightclub & Restaurant.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Creative Writing Series: Musical Temperament, 10-11am. More info and RSVP at OakHillSchool.com. \$80.

Calming Yoga via Zoom, noon-1pm. RSVP at VistaPsych.com.

Spread Peace, online support group, noon-1pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

Stay at Home Lecture Series w/ OSU College of Forestry, 3pm, OregonState.edu.

Trade Names and Trademarks, 6-7pm. More info and RSVP at Willamette.Score.org.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE

Eugene Symphony Orchestra Quirky Thursdays, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

ON THE AIR

“The Point,” 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

“Arts Journal,” 9am, Comcast channel 29.

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

FRIDAY

JULY 10

LIVE MUSIC

Jimmy Haggard Band, 6-9pm, Pfeiffer Winery, Junction City.

Fresh Ham, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

The Ben Rice Band, 7pm, Mac’s Nightclub & Restaurant.

ONLINE FAMILY GATHERINGS

Oregon Zoo Live, activities developed by an award-winning education team aimed at K-5, 9:30am, OregonZoo.org.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Creative Writing Series: Musical Temperament, 10-11am. More info and RSVP at OakHillSchool.com. \$80.

Feldenkrais Awareness through Movement classes, 6pm. Info and RSVP at 541-636-8131.

Science of the Scene & Making the Most of Aftercare, 6-7pm. More info at [As You Like It Facebook page](https://AsYouLikeItFacebook.page). \$10.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE

Eugene Symphony Orchestra Epic Fridays, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

“Virtual Cinema” w/ Broadway Metro. More info at BroadwayMetro.com.

SATURDAY JULY 11

FARMERS MARKETS

Lane County Farmers Market, 9am-3pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

Spencer Creek Growers Market, 10am-2pm, Spencer Creek Grange, 86013 Lorane Hwy.

LIVE MUSIC

Skip Jones & The Spirit of New Orleans, 7pm, Mac’s Nightclub & Restaurant.

Spire Duo Outdoor Concert, ft. Neil Patton, 7:30pm, \$20. Martin Street (bring your mask).

MARKETS

Eugene Saturday Market, 10am-5pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

ONLINE LITERARY

William Ritter, creator of the Jackaby and Oddmire series, 2pm, Eugene Public Library Facebook page.

ON THE AIR

The Dr. Yeti Show, 10pm-midnight, KOCF, 92.7 FM or streamed at KOCF.org.

SUNDAY JULY 12

FARMERS MARKETS

Dexter Lake Farmers Market, noon-4pm, Rolling Rock Park, Lowell.

LIVE MUSIC

The River Stop Restaurant Sunday Jam, 6 pm.

HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd.

MARKETS

Whiteaker Community Market, 11am-4pm, Scobert Park, 4th Ave. & Blair Blvd.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL

Eugene Insight Meditation Community via Zoom,

6:30pm. More info at EugeneInsight.com.

MONDAY

JULY 13

HEALTH

Connection Peer Support Group at NamiLane.org. RSVP at NamiLane.org.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Granny Rocks, 6:30pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Virtual STEM Summer Camp on Minecraft, 9am-noon. More info at LetsGo2Space.com. \$37.50.

Creative Writing Series: Structural Temperament, 10-11am. Info and RSVP at OakHillSchool.com. \$80.

Musical Mondays (music education videos), 10am, Eugene Symphony Orchestra Facebook page.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. RSVP at MediatelnEugene.org. FREE-\$5.

Give Life Meaning, 6-7:30pm. RSVP at MediatelnEugene.org. FREE-\$10.

Wordcrafters Craft Series w/ John Reed, 6-8m. RSVP at WordCrafters.org. \$35.

TUESDAY

JULY 14

FARMERS MARKETS

Tuesday Farmers Market, 10am-3pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

LIVE MUSIC

Rooster’s Blues Jam, 7pm, Mac’s Nightclub & Restaurant.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Virtual Queer Town Hall, 9am, BasicRights.org.

Classic Tuesdays w/ Eugene Symphony Orchestra, 5pm, Francesco Lucce-Chong Facebook page.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Creative Writing Series: Structural Temperament, 10-11am. Info and RSVP at OakHillSchool.com. \$80.

Feldenkrais Awareness through Movement classes, 10am. Info and RSVP at 541-636-8131.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. RSVP at MediatelnEugene.org. FREE-\$5.

Beginning Meditation, 6-7:30pm. RSVP at MediatelnEugene.org. FREE-\$10.

ONLINE RECREATION

Tuesdays w/ Ty (virtual trivia), 6pm, Hult Ctr. Facebook page.

WEDNESDAY

JULY 15

HEALTH

Connection Peer Support Zoom Group at NamiLane.org. RSVP at NamiLane.org.

LIVE MUSIC

Jazz & Variety, 6pm, Mac’s Nightclub & Restaurant.

ONLINE FAMILY & KIDS

Little Notes Music Time, 9:30am. More info at [Eugene Suzuki Music Academy](https://EugeneSuzukiMusicAcademy.org) Facebook page.

Kids: Engineer it online, 1pm, w/ UO Museum of Natural and Cultural History for online activity on Eugene Public Library’s Facebook page.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Family Wednesdays w/ Eugene Symphony Orchestra, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

Granny Rocks, 6:30pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. RSVP at MediatelnEugene.org. FREE-\$5.

Creative Writing Series: Structural Temperament, 10-11am. Info and RSVP at OakHillSchool.com. \$80.

Building Consent Culture, 6-8pm. More info at [As You Like It Facebook page](https://AsYouLikeItFacebook.page). \$15.

THURSDAY

JULY 16

HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom group at NamiLane.org. RSVP at NamiLane.org.

LIVE MUSIC

Hank Shreve & Skip Jones, 7pm, Mac’s Club & Restaurant.

ONLINE BENEFITS

Ophelia’s Place Virtual BINGO Night, 6:30pm. More info at OpheliasPlace.net. \$20.

KIDS/FAMILY

Jr. Day Camps, 9 am -3 pm, Garden Way Church, 231 North Garden Way. \$125.

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Creative Writing Series: Structural Temperament, 10-11am, Online. More info and RSVP at OakHillSchool.com. \$80.

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ATTENTION

For the first time in its 51-year history, the Oregon Country Fair will not have its booths, its characters or its music to spread color and memories along the Long Tom River just outside of Veneta. Yet while COVID-19 may have canceled this year’s edition of Fair, OCF is still in business July 10 to 12. Along with the virtual experience of this year’s Fair (see the story in this week’s culture section), KOCF (92.7, FM) will broadcast each of the three days with performances streamed from multiple locations and highlights from the archives. Performers include The Macks, Muddy Souls, Glass Roots Band, NeverEver Band and High Step Society as well as vaudeville and spoken word performances.

The Boatswain's Call

EUGENE MUSICIAN'S NEW RELEASE IS A HANDMADE MULTI-MEDIA EXPERIENCE

By Will Kennedy

Eugene musician Jessica Haeckel grew up in the '90s along the coast of California, traveling on occasion back East to visit her grandparents. Haeckel says she was deemed an autistic savant at an early age, and she completed college-level coursework by the third grade, earning awards and scholarships by her freshman year of high school.

At her grandparent's house, she discovered music. "There was an old player piano," she tells me by email. "I spent many hours tinkering at it when I would visit over summer." Back home at her mother's and without a piano of her own, Haeckel took advantage of what she calls an "immaculate autistic memory."

"I could sit at the kitchen table and see the keys laid out before me and I could play," she goes on. Her mother noticed and soon found her daughter a real piano. Before long, Haeckel was also playing guitar.

On July 15, Haeckel will release *Empty Boat*, the musician's third studio album and the first under her own name. She released her first two records as Gemini

Rising. With songs like "Ball and Chain," the album is dark and brooding, centered on piano over abrasive and industrial sounds of percussion, recalling Nine Inch Nails as well as Tori Amos and Evanescence, though generally not so mainstream as that, with the sound of more-contemporary artists like Marissa Nadler and Chelsea Wolfe also in the mix.

Throughout, Haeckel's alto sounds big enough to swallow oceans: the kind of voice that makes you gulp your coffee and spill the creamer. Using a vocal technique called ToneMapping, which Haeckel developed on her own, *Empty Boat* pushed Haeckel's vocal range into previously unexplored territories and emotional landscapes like sadness, anger, betrayal, defeat and ultimately resignation, she says.

Haeckel also developed an innovative approach to playing her instruments while writing and recording the record, playing the drums with her left foot and right hand while simultaneously using her left hand for guitar and piano. In this manner, Haeckel played all the instruments on the album, with bass lines supplied by Francis Atrus of the Denver-based metal band Tethys.

Although Haeckel's first two albums were more guitar-centric, this return to piano is like coming home to a time

and place, she says, long before her first songs were ever recorded and when songwriting was like a refuge.

"It was the beat that kept my feet moving onward, alone, into uncharted territory. It was an unbreachable vault where I could record my innermost experiences, for my own processing and healing and the documentation of my journey," she says. "The 'me' who releases the final album is always a vastly different person from the 'me' who penned its first verses, and I think that's the point."

The standard edition of *Empty Boat*, available for preorder from Haeckel's website, will be an artistic experience in its own right, extending well beyond just the music. Included will be a small wooden book with an engraved cork cover, as well as a glass bottle sealed with a cork. Inside the bottle, lyrics and album notes will be handwritten on strips of Manila paper, and set into the cork is the USB drive containing all of the accompanying digital media.

Believe it or not, there's also a deluxe edition, including additional material like a large wooden book, a 30-note hand-crank music box and glass bottles with corks, each containing up to two songs punched into a strip of cardboard that can be played using the music box, like the player piano from her childhood.

An artistic and creative polymath, all the elements included were manufactured and assembled with help locally in Haeckel's workshop, Tribe of Crow Studios.

Available July 15 in limited quantities, both the standard and deluxe editions of *Empty Boat* can be preordered now at JessicaHaeckel.com. The album will also be available that same day from all major music streaming services. In fall 2020, Haeckel will begin teaching her ToneMapping vocal technique online at ToneMapping.org.



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Out of Soup

JAN ELIOT'S POPULAR CARTOON STRIP *STONE SOUP* COMES TO AN END AFTER A QUARTER-CENTURY RUN

By Bob Keefer

A gently humorous era comes to an end later this month when Eugene cartoonist Jan Eliot retires her popular family cartoon strip *Stone Soup* after 25 years of national syndication.

Eliot, who had previously drawn cartoons for the now-defunct *Willamette Valley Observer* as well as *Eugene Weekly* when it was published as *What's Happening*, started drawing the strip — then titled *Sister City* — as a weekly item in *The Register-Guard's* Sunday Oregon Life section in 1990.

In 1994 she got a development contract with Universal Press Syndicate, and *Stone Soup* began publication in 1995. The strip is loosely based on Eliot's life as a single mother with two daughters.

The final *Stone Soup* is to appear in newspapers around the country on July 26.

EW talked with Eliot by telephone about cartooning.

How many readers did you have with *Stone Soup*?

It was in 300 newspapers at its height. I don't know how many readers that is. I mean, millions of readers, right? *Stone Soup* was fortunate to get into some very large papers. From the very beginning I had *New York Newsday*, *Boston Globe*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, the *Montreal Gazette*, the *Newark Star-Ledger*. So that really helped me kind of get off my feet.

How many of those 300 papers do you think still exist?

Well, most of the big ones, right? Does *The Register-Guard* exist or not?

I'm not going to answer that question. Looking back on *Stone Soup* after 25 years, what have you learned in the process of creating it?

Well, I have learned that there's no magic. You know, everybody always asks, "Where do you get your ideas?" And there's really no magic to creativity other than sitting down and working every day. Right? I mean, some people are funnier than others. Some people have bigger imaginations

than others, but the truth is, keeping up, not a regimented schedule, but a fairly regular schedule, and working every day is really the secret to producing.

Did you ever get in trouble with readers?

Oh yes, a few times. One time I did a joke about gluten-free bread. Honestly, gluten-free bread! And I wasn't making fun of gluten-free bread. It was kind of a Eugene thing where Val and her mother were sitting in a restaurant trying to figure out what to order. And, you know, you can't have the chicken unless it's free range and you can't have the beef unless it's hormone free and you know, all the restrictions. And they finally settled on gluten-free toast.

I got mail for days from people who were so offended. And I think not even on their own behalf, they were offended on behalf of other people they didn't even know who had celiac disease. Anyway, finally I got a letter from the Celiac Disease Association asking if they could reprint it, because they loved it.

And then, once I brushed really close with saying, "There is no Santa Claus." And I got email from all these readers. It's like, "Oh my God. Don't do that! Don't you know, there's kids out there who still believe in Santa Claus?"

The negative is I did receive some very racist garbage from people when Val and Phil [a Black police officer] started dating. I even had to call my syndicate at 7:30 in the morning once to say, "Look on the website quickly and remove that comment." Someone had written, "She should be worried about this man. They just want to eff-blank-blank-kay their way to white." Like, really?

That kind of shocked me, but I mean, it shouldn't shock me considering what we're going through.

What's the best response you got?

I did a series where [Val's daughter] Holly had her first period, while the family's camping, and I had to come up with all these euphemisms for that. You know, "We have a situation," and then, "We need situational supplies." It was a very sweet series, and I got this two-line email from a girl: "Hi. My name is Ashley. I'm 13. I got mine, too, and I was embarrassed just like her."

What are your plans?

I just want to fart around. I've been working pretty much since I was 12 years old and I'm really loving not having any specific deadline. I was planning on doing a lot more travel but unfortunately it's kind of been backburned by COVID. When I get to do that again, I do have lovely friends and family in many parts of the world. And that's one of the things I really want to do is just, you know, go visit my good friends in Scotland and my daughter in Germany and all my friends in Africa, but at the moment, I'm not going anywhere.

One last question and I'll let you get back to your farting around. And that is, in this really bleak time, what gives you hope?

The [BLM] protests give me hope. I'm very impressed that they're still going on. I hope they don't stop. I appreciate the fortitude of the protesters. We need dramatic change, and it gives me hope that people are out there demanding it. ■

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4 \$, at a currency exchange
7 Web traffic goal
13 Sign up for
15 "Insecure" star Issa
16 Wear
17 Boss of all mischievous sprites?
19 Singer Grande
20 Jazz singer Laine
21 How a typesetter turns a president into a resident?
23 "What's this now?"
24 Nebraska's largest city
26 Cross-country hauler
27 Reduce in rank
29 "Miracle Workers" network
32 Racket
33 Fanged movie creature, for short

34 Largest country bordering the Mediterranean
38 Expensive version of an East Asian board game?
41 Narrowest possible election margin
42 Neighbor of Tex.
45 NHL division
48 Numerical prefix
49 The last world capital, alphabetically
51 Dove sounds
53 Roster listing
56 YouTube interrupters
57 Removing the word before "and behold"?
60 Voting rights org.
62 Certain book page size
63 Good publicity for characters like Grimace, Amethyst, and Twilight Sparkle?

66 Late WWE wrestler Dusty
67 Charlemagne's domain, briefly
68 "It must have been something ____"
69 "___ Rides Again" (classic western)
70 "Then what?"
71 Vulpine critter

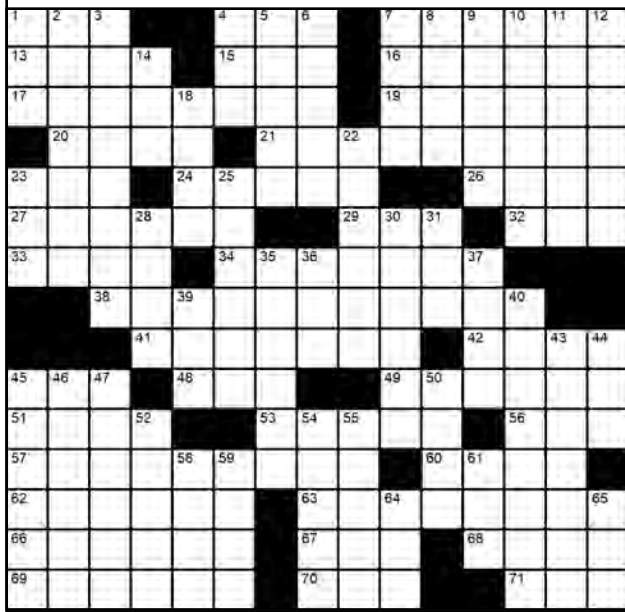
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2 Receipt
3 One with a mission
4 Geller who claims to be telepathic
5 "The Metamorphosis" character Gregor
6 Profundity
7 Coffeehouse order
8 Innocent fun
9 Harvard and Princeton, e.g.

"Sugar Free"

—let's do away with that sugary suffix.

10 Came to a close
11 Video game company with a famous cheat code
12 Fasten securely, perhaps
14 "Born," in some announcements
18 Ginseng or ginger, e.g.
22 Like video games for the 13-19 set
23 Like almost all primes
25 Sparse
28 Dos times dos times dos
30 Piece of cake
31 Papal topic
35 Devoted
36 Day-____
37 Stunned
39 Doc for head colds
40 Vegetable part that can be served in a salad (as opposed to a gumbo)
43 Paved the way for
44 Sit-up targets
45 International agreement
46 "Well said"
47 State gambling games
50 High-priority notation
52 City, in Germany
54 A as in "Aristotle"
55 Lament
58 Bon ____ ("Holocene" band)
59 Prone to butting in
61 151, in Roman numerals
64 Color meaning "stop" internationally
65 Dinosaur in the "Toy Story" movies



ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S



FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): “As beautiful as simplicity is, it can become a tradition that stands in the way of exploration,” said singer Laura Nyro. This is practical advice for you to heed in the coming weeks. According to my analysis, you’re scheduled to enjoy an extended engagement with rich, fertile complexity. The best teachings won’t be reducible to a few basic lessons; rather, they’ll be rife with soulful nuances. The same is true about the splendid dilemmas that bring you stimulating amusements: They can’t and shouldn’t be forced into pigeonholes. As a general rule, anything that seems easy and smooth and straightforward will probably not be useful. Your power will come from what’s crooked, dense and labyrinthine.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): You may think that playing heavy metal music and knitting with yarn don’t have much in common. And yet there is an annual contest in Joensuu, Finland where people with expertise in needlework join heavy metal musicians on stage, plying their craft in rhythm to the beat. The next Heavy Metal Knitting World Championship will be July 15-16, 2021. This year’s event was canceled due to the pandemic. If it had been staged, I bet multiple Tauruses would have been among the top ten competitors. Why? Because you Bulls are at the peak of your ability to combine things that aren’t often combined. You have the potential to excel at making unexpected connections, linking influences that haven’t been linked before, and being successful at comparing apples and oranges.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): In 1848, Danish King Frederick VII agreed, under pressure from liberal agitators, to relinquish some of his absolute power. Thereafter, he shared his decision-making with a newly formed parliament. He was pleased with this big change because it lightened his workload. “That was nice,” he remarked after signing the new constitution. “Now I can sleep in every morning.” I recommend him to you as an inspirational role model in the coming weeks. What so-called advantages in your life are more boring or burdensome than fun and interesting? Consider the possibility of shedding dubious “privileges” and status symbols.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): Cancerian author Mary McCarthy provides you with a challenge you’ll be wise to relish during the rest of 2020. She writes, “Everyone continues to be interested in the quest for the self, but what you feel when you’re older is that you really must make the self.” McCarthy implies that this epic reorientation isn’t likely until you’ve been on earth for at least four decades. But judging from the astrological omens, I think you’re ready for it now — no matter what your age is. To drive home the point, I’ll say it in different words. Your task isn’t to find yourself, but rather to create yourself. Don’t wait around passively for life to show you who you are. Show life who you are.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Some night soon, I predict you’ll have an agitated dream while you’re asleep: a nightmare that symbolizes an unresolved conflict you’re wrestling with in your waking life. Here’s a possible example: A repulsive politician you dislike may threaten to break a toy you loved when you were a kid. But surprise! There’ll be a happy ending. A good monster will appear in your dream and fix the problem; in my example, the benevolent beast will scare away the politician who’s about to break your beloved toy. Now here’s the great news: In the days after your dream, you’ll solve the conflict you’ve been wrestling with in your waking life.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): “Love is the best school, but the tuition is high and the homework can be painful,” writes author Diane Ackerman. I’m guessing that in recent months, her description has been partially true for you Virgos. From what I can tell, love has indeed been a rigorous school. And the tuition has been rather high. But on the other hand, the homework has been at least as pleasurable as it has been painful. I expect these trends to continue for the foreseeable future. What teachings about intimacy, communion, tenderness and compassion would you like to study next?

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): “A single feat of daring can alter the whole conception of what is possible,” wrote Libran novelist Graham Greene. His words can serve as a stirring motto for you in the coming weeks. I sense you’re close to summoning a burst of courage — a bigger supply of audacity than you’ve had access to in a while. I hope you’ll harness this raw power to fuel a daring feat that will expand your conception of what is possible.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): “It’s not always easy to tell the difference between thinking and looking out of the window,” wrote poet Wallace Stevens. That’s a problem you won’t have to worry about anytime soon. The coming weeks will be a favorable phase for you to both think and gaze out the window — as well as to explore all the states in-between. In other words, you’ll have the right and the need to indulge in a leisurely series of dreamy ruminations and meandering fantasies and playful explorations of your deepest depths and your highest heights. Don’t rush the process. Allow yourself to linger in the gray areas and the vast stretches of inner wildness.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): The coming weeks will be a favorable time to undertake a transformative vision quest, even if the exigencies of the pandemic require your quest to unfold primarily in your inner realms. The near future will also bring you good fortune if you focus on creating more sacredness in your rhythm and if you make a focused effort to seek out songs, texts, inspirations, natural places and teachers that infuse you with a reverence for life. I’m trying to help you to see, Sagittarius, that you’re in a phase when you can attract healing synchronicities into your world by deepening your sense of awe and communing with experiences that galvanize you to feel worshipful.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): “To love well is the task in all meaningful relationships, not just romantic bonds.” The author and activist bell hooks wrote that. (She doesn’t capitalize her name.) In accordance with the highest astrological potentials, I’m inviting you Capricorns to be inspired by her wisdom as you upgrade your meaningful relationships during the next six weeks. I think it’s in your self-interest to give them even more focus and respect and appreciation than you already do. Be ingenious as you boost the generosity of spirit you bestow on your allies. Be resourceful as you do this impeccable work in the midst of a pandemic!

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): “One-half of knowing what you want is knowing what you must give up before you get it,” wrote author Sydney Howard. Now would be a perfect time to act on that excellent advice. Is there any obstacle standing in the way of your ability to achieve a beloved dream? Is there a pretty good thing that’s distracting you from devoting yourself wholeheartedly to a really great thing? I invite you to be a bit ruthless as you clear the way to pursue your heart’s desire.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Author Ellen Goodman writes, “The truth is that we can overhaul our surroundings, renovate our environment, talk a new game, join a new club, far more easily than we can change the way we respond emotionally. It is easier to change behavior than feelings about that behavior.” I think she’s correct in her assessment. But I also suspect that you’re in a prime position to be an exception to the rule. In the coming weeks, you will have exceptional power to transform the way you feel — especially if those feelings have previously been based on a misunderstanding of reality and especially if those feelings have been detrimental to your mental and physical health.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of CHRISTINE MARIE WELLS, Deceased. Case No. 20PB02013 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at Judy L. Wells, 2891 Stone Road, Yakima, WA 98908, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative. Dated and first published on July 2nd, 2020. /s/ Judy L. Wells, Personal Representative. Personal Representative: Judy L. Wells, 2891 Stone Road, Yakima, WA 98908, 509-966-7818. Attorney for Personal Representative: Marc P. Friedman, OSB #892448, Friedman Law Office, P.C., P.O. Box 1167, Eugene, Or 97440, (541)686-2890, Fax: (541)344-6254, attyfriedman@yahoo.com

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY - PROBATE DEPARTMENT Case No. 20PB03547 In the matter of the Estate of Maxine Alta Adams, Decedent, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wilfred R. Adams has been appointed personal representative. All

persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the aforementioned personal representative c/o Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or attorney for the personal representative, Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS: Probate proceedings in the Estate of Stephanie Rae McAlister, Deceased, are now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Case No. 20PB03954, and Lawrence E. Little has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, c/o Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Attorneys at Law, 975 Oak Street, Suite 800, Eugene, OR 97401, within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to all persons whose rights may be affected by the above entitled proceedings that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 2nd day of July, 2020.

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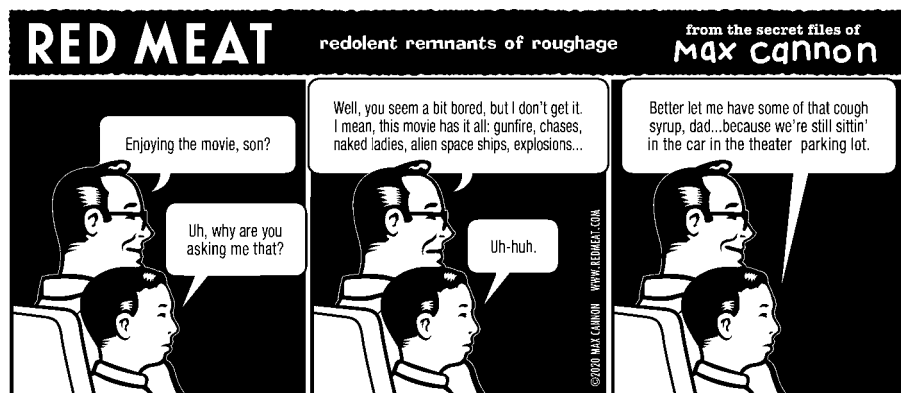
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Cucking Dykes
BY DAN SAVAGE



I'm a lesbian in a long-term relationship. After much conversation with my partner we've decided to explore cuckolding role-play together. I'm not comfortable bringing another person into the relationship — especially right now — but I am willing to explore this as a fantasy. The thing is, I'm having a hard time figuring out how to do it. There's not a lot of info out there on how to engage in cuck role-play, especially between two women. Could you point me in the right direction here so we can have some fun while remaining monogamous?

— **Couldn't Undergo Cuckolding Kink's Glories In Real Life**

"You can definitely introduce cuckolding themes and even a cuck identity into your relationship while remaining monogamous," said Thomas, a married gay man and former cuck blogger whose husband has cucked him many times IRL. "In fact, many cuckold relationships are monogamous and cucking remains in the fantasy realm."

Thomas even sees his relationship as monogamous — at least on his side. "The definition of monogamy varies greatly for each couple," said Thomas, "and I do consider myself monogamous because I'm the cuck and so I don't technically have sex with other guys. My husband does. I just get to watch sometimes."

Let me quickly define terms for readers who somehow missed the three hundred other columns I've written about cuckolding over the years: A cuckold relationship is a one-sided open relationship where one partner is free to have sex with other people while the other partner remains faithful. What distinguishes a cuckold relationship from your standard open relationship is where one person doesn't care to sleep around is the element of humiliation. In most cuckold relationships, GUCKGIRL, the cuck — the person who remains faithful — enjoys being teased or mocked by their "unfaithful" partner; sometimes the "unfaithful" partner's lover or lovers, usually referred to as "bulls," participates in the erotic humiliation of the cuck partner.

Thomas created a popular Tumblr blog about gay male cuckold relationships back when there was very little information about gay cuckolds online, CUCKGIRL, much less gay cuckold porn or other resources. In fact, there was once so little info online or anywhere else about gay cuckolds that many people — myself included — weren't convinced that gay cuckolding was actually a thing.

Cuckolding wasn't a thing in Thomas's marriage at the start. "Total monogamy had always been the plan," said Thomas. "But I got interested after seeing some straight cuckold porn. I immediately identified with the cuck but I was too embarrassed to bring it up with my husband because it went against our vision of our marriage but also because I only ever saw cuckolding represented in straight porn." Raising awareness of gay cuckolds — and representing gay cuckold relationships — motivated Thomas to start his blog. So if you're not finding anything out there about lesbian cuckolding, CUCKGIRL, perhaps you could borrow a page from Thomas's playbook and create the content and resources you would like to see.

Sadly, Thomas's gay cuckolding blog is no more. His was just one of the many sex blogs — deeply personal passion projects, one and all — that were lost forever after the geniuses who ran Tumblr decided to purge adult content from their platform. In a matter of days Tumblr saw its traffic fall by one-third and its value crater. Yahoo paid \$1.1 billion to acquire Tumblr back 2013 but six years and one porn purge later the site sold for just \$20 million — less than 2 percent of what Tumblr was worth when it still hosted Thomas's gay cuckolding blog. (The moral of this story: Don't fuck with gay cuckolds.)

Thomas thinks it's entirely possible for you and your partner to enjoy lesbian cuckolding fantasies while keeping your relationship monogamous on both sides. Indeed, that's what Thomas and his husband did for many years. "My husband and I started playing around with cuckold fantasies several years into our marriage and it remained a hot role-play fantasy for a long time," said Thomas. "It was fun, it was sexy, and it improved our ability to communicate with each other about sex in general." They kept their fantasy play simple at first — for example, his husband would talk about a guy he found hot while Thomas blew him or Thomas would tease his husband about a sexy new coworker of his that he knew his husband had a crush on. They would use insertion toys and pretend they were other guys' dicks and only gradually did they introduce some humiliating dirty talk into their cuckold role-play talk, and then only as Thomas's husband become more comfortable with the idea of humiliating him. "Making use of cam sites is also a great way to explore if you're comfortable with that level of monogamish," said Thomas. "If you're a cuck like me, watching your partner perform for someone else is incredibly erotic."

A more monogamous way to explore cuckolding without opening the relationship — not even a crack — is simply to ask your partner to tell you about her past sexual encounters. Listening to your partner talk about hot experiences she had with other women while you masturbate or while you two fuck is a great way to explore cuckolding without actually opening up your relationship. You'll be bringing people up, CUCKGIRL, not bringing them in.

"But just as a gay cuckold couple's fantasies aren't identical to a straight couple's cuckold fantasies, a lesbian couple's fantasies aren't going to be the same, either," said Thomas. "CUCKGIRL and her partner just have to find their own way. But the most important thing is to keep communicating. Always communicate! If a particular form of role-play isn't working, tell your partner. And give each other veto powers and go easy on yourself. Cuckolding is a fantasy that plays with your fears around monogamy and infidelity — it can be very hot but it can be scary too. So take it slow."

Like a lot of sex bloggers who were kicked off Tumblr, Thomas migrated over to Twitter, where he currently has more than 13,000 followers. His handle on Twitter is @gaycuckoldhubby.

I'm a straight lady in my mid-30s and I just found out my husband of six years and partner for ten has been cheating on me for the last five years. As far as I knew, we had a perfect marriage — probably the best relationship, sexual or otherwise, I'd ever been in. If this was a one-off affair, I think I could work past this — counseling, open marriage... some sort of solution. But the fact that he's lied to me for the five years and that the sex was unsafe (I saw video) disturbs me. My heart doesn't want this to end — he's been my best friend, lover, and support system for ten years — but my brain is telling me that even if we renegotiated the terms of our marriage, he'd deceive me again. I'm working with a therapist, but what's your take? Once a cheater, always a cheater? I don't expect an all-knowing answer. But a little perspective would be helpful.

— **Duped Wife**

For most of your marriage — for most of a marriage you describe as perfect — your husband was cheating on you. My perspective/two cents: Instead of regarding everything that worked about your marriage as a lie, instead of seeing every loving moment as just some part of your husband's long and very selfish con, you might want to see what was good about your marriage and what was bad about your husband as two things that existed side-by-side. So instead of telling yourself, "This was a lousy marriage, it was all a lie, I just didn't know it," tell yourself, "It was a good marriage despite his cheating, it wasn't all a lie, but it was a lot less perfect than I thought." That's where you'll need to get if you want to stay in this marriage — and that may be the biggest "if" you'll ever confront in your life. And while there are no studies that "once a cheater, always a cheater," studies have shown that someone who has cheated is more likely to cheat again. Not certain to cheat again, but more likely to cheat than someone who's never cheated. I'm so sorry you're going through this, particularly now.

I often masturbate thinking about the straight boy who wakes up in female underwear, tied up, gagged, and pegged by a female. Is there a name for this fantasy?

— **Good And Simple Pervert**

I can't give you a name — a name for this sequence of events and mélange of kinks — but I know plenty of professional female dominants that would be happy to give you an estimate.

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